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TO: MSU Tenure-System Faculty, Health Programs Faculty, Fixed-Term Faculty and Continuing System Specialists and Librarians

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SUBJECT: **Meet Michigan (Friday, October 17, 2008, 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.)**
Orientation Session (Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Meet Michigan Fall 2008

The Office of the Provost invites MSU tenure-system faculty, health programs faculty, fixed-term faculty and specialists and librarians with continuing appointments to apply for the Fall one-day Meet Michigan Traveling Seminar scheduled for October 17, 2008 including an Orientation Program on October 14, 2008. This traveling seminar is sponsored and funded by the Office of Faculty and Organizational Development with support from the Office of Outreach and Engagement and The Graduate School.

Fall 2008 1 Day Seminar - Multidisciplinary Focus on Detroit

The Fall one-day traveling seminar is designed for participants to explore MSU outreach and collaborations in the context of Detroit and its unique history and needs. The foci for this program include education, safety, environment, redevelopment, culture, and social services. The itinerary includes research sites and features opportunities for involvement in current and future university-community partnerships. Spaces will be available for 30 MSU faculty, specialists and librarians and 10 doctoral candidates whose work relates to the multidisciplinary foci.



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Preliminary List of Topics and Presenters

MSU Outreach and Engagement: Developing Community Partnerships

- MSU Trustee, Discussing the Vision for Outreach in Southeastern Michigan
- Hiram Fitzgerald, Associate Provost, MSU Outreach and Engagement
- Rex LaMore, Director, Center for Community and Economic Development, MSU Outreach and Engagement

MSU Collaborations Focused on Education, Safety and Culture

- *YouthVille Detroit* is the most comprehensive neighborhood youth development center in the city of Detroit.
 - Judith Thornburg-Richmond, MSU-Detroit Partnerships
 - Marie Ruenenapp, Director, Southeast Region, MSU Extension, *Youth and Entrepreneurship Project*
 - Detroit Police Action League representative
 - Juan Jose Martinez, Superintendent and Principal, Cesar Chavez Academy
- *MSU Music Program* in Detroit
 - Mark Sullivan, Associate Professor and Chair, Composition Area, MSU
Performance by student ensemble, MSU

- *Arts League of Michigan* develops, promotes, presents and preserves the African and African American cultural arts traditions.
 - Oliver Ragsdale, President
 - *The Scarab Club* serves Michigan artists of all disciplines for 100 years.
 - Christine Renner, Executive Director
 - *Detroit Institute of Arts*
 - Visit to the Diego Rivera Murals and short tour
- MSU Collaborations to Support the Environment, Urban Redevelopment, and Social Services
- *Brightmoor Alliance* comprises local associations, community organizations, churches, and businesses overseeing the development of the Brightmoor community in Detroit.
 - John O'Brien, Vice President, Brightmoor Alliance
 - Michael Laughlin, Project Manager, Brightmoor Alliance
 - *New Detroit* is a coalition of leaders from civil rights & advocacy organizations, human services, health & community organizations, business, labor, foundations, education, media, and the clergy.
 - Sonia Plata, Director of Community Capacity Building, New Detroit
 - *Sea Grant* promotes the understanding and intelligent use of the Great Lakes through the *Michigan Sea Grant*. This partnership addresses Great Lake issues to help Michigan citizens protect and enjoy the nation's extensive freshwater resources including redevelopment projects.
 - Mary Bohling, Sea Grant, MSU
- Funding Opportunities for University-Community Collaborations
- *Skillman Foundation* is a private philanthropy committed to helping children in Metropolitan Detroit by improving their homes, schools and neighborhoods.
 - Skillman Foundation Representative
- Detroit Demographics and Geography
- Joe Darden, Professor, Department of Geography, MSU
- Detroit History and Background
- *Urban Challenges in Detroit* (video)

Goals of the Meet Michigan Program

To increase awareness of:

- opportunities for outreach research, outreach teaching and outreach service to meet the needs of Michigan's diverse communities and citizens.
- MSU collaborations throughout Michigan in outreach research, teaching and service.
- resources at MSU to assist in developing collaborations.
- funding sources to support these collaborations.

To promote collegiality and community among MSU faculty, administrators and graduate students across the disciplines.

To clarify the faculty role in outreach to:

- increase the involvement of MSU faculty in community collaborations.
- increase the interest and involvement of graduate students in pursuing community collaborations during their careers.

To increase MSU collaborations through:

- new relationships with community partners across the state of Michigan.
- new relationships with academic and professional peers within one's local community and across the University.
- increased grant activity.

Eligibility for Faculty, Academic Specialists and Librarians

Thirty spaces have been designated for tenure-system faculty, health programs faculty, fixed-term faculty and academic specialists and librarians in the continuing appointment system.

How to Apply

Because we anticipate a high demand for limited seating on our tour bus, we require an application process. Each application must include a brief statement (up to 250 words) explaining how participation in Meet

Michigan will support the applicant's goals in outreach research, teaching, and/or service, and/or support the strategic goals within his/her unit.

Complete an online application at: <http://fod.msu.edu/meetmich/registeronline.asp>

Applications must be submitted on or before October 7, 2008.

Selection Process and Criteria

A Selection Committee, comprised of staff from the Office of the Provost, will review and select the 30 faculty and academic staff participants.

The Selection Committee(s) will give priority to applicants whose:

- work focuses on and/or supports education, redevelopment, environment, social services, urban affairs, safety, culture, diversity or multiculturalism.
- outreach research, teaching and service goals—and/or those strategic goals within their unit--will benefit from their participation in Meet Michigan.

Doctoral Students

The Fall 2008 seminar includes space for 10 advanced doctoral students whose research and teaching would benefit directly from an on-site journey with faculty and other professionals in the multidisciplinary foci and who are interested in the outreach role of the professoriate.

How to apply

Ten places have been designated for doctoral students in good standing. Applications for doctoral students will be available from the units' graduate secretaries/graduate program directors and from the office of the Graduate School Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 118 Linton Hall. All applications must have the endorsement of the student's faculty advisor/major professor, and must be accompanied by a brief statement (approximately 250 words) explaining how participation in Meet Michigan will contribute to the student's professional development. Applications may be sent to 118 Linton Hall via campus mail or via fax (517-353-3355) c/o Dr. Tony Nunez. Applications must be received on or before **October 7, 2008**. The Graduate School will select the 10 doctoral student participants.

Faculty Mentor/Doctoral Student Teams

Eligible faculty mentors who wish to attend the Meet Michigan trip on October 17th along with their doctoral student(s) should fill out the faculty application and include the name of the doctoral student(s) in the space provided. These doctoral students **MUST** also complete the Graduate School's application in which they will indicate the name of their mentor who is also applying.

Time Line

All applications are due on or before **Tuesday, October 7, 2008**.

Emails will be sent to all applicants by October 10, 2008, notifying them of the Selection Committee's decisions. A "waiting list" will be maintained should spaces open.

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Future Meet Michigan Program Themes

We anticipate that future Meet Michigan programs will have different multidisciplinary foci on a rotating basis. To suggest future themes and topics, e.g., natural or social sciences, urban affairs, or design, contact us at leaders@msu.edu.

Questions?

For questions about the application process or logistics of the Fall one-day traveling seminar, contact Allyn Shaw, Office of Faculty and Organizational Development, Office of the Provost, at 355-5761 or leaders@msu.edu.